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### **Response to Applicant's Non-Final Rejection**

The Response to the Non-Final Rejection filed on 01/06/06 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the text in places is illegible. The Examiner cannot read some of the words in the arguments or the amended claims because part of the word is missing. Applicant is respectfully requested to submit a legible amendment. Since the above- mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a time period of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of this time period maybe granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

This action is **NON-FINAL**. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ella Colbert whose telephone number is 571-272-6741. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Thursday, 6:30AM-4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on 571-272-6747. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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